



Meeting Notes

Design Guidelines Focus Group Meeting

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 3, 2009

APS Conference Room, 101 West Cherry Ave, Flagstaff, AZ

1. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance:

Steve Dorsett, Architect
Branden Rabidou, Intern
Will Freund, Architect
Aude Stang, Architectural Designer
Steve Tegethoff, Architect
Mike Loven, Contractor
Terry Worcester, Architect
Daniel Paduchowski, Architect
Paul Moore, Architect
Mark Sawyers, City of Flagstaff
Karl Eberhard, City of Flagstaff
Elaine Averitte, City of Flagstaff
Kim Tittelbaugh, Planner
Michael Marquess, Appraiser

2. Focus Group Overview

Roger Eastman gave an overview of the focus group and that 11 focus groups have been formed as part of the Land Development Code re-write process.

3. Roles/expectations of the Focus Groups

The purpose of the focus group is to “frame the main issues” and try not to get into the “weeds” of each issue. The focus group members will focus on the main issues and determine whether or not the current code supports the issue, or if not, how to get there.

4. Roles/expectations of staff

City staff will provide technical expertise.

5. Issue review

Key issues identified:

- Standards versus guidelines
- How to yield good design?
- Design Review Board – Citizen & staff/peer review, Deal with discretion in design
- Flagstaff design tradition – define
- “Whiners’ escape”?
- Next meeting: list strengths
- Transect - Character
- Revise rather than rewrite
- Do we need them?
- Resource requirements conflict with and obscure well designed buildings
- What does historic character really mean? Define.
- Efficient/quick process
- Code review schedule
- Refine submittal requirements and process. Concept to final.
- Design is more than aesthetics – context, comfort, etc.
- How to address design as a continuous process? (minor modification)
- Cost implication – add current cost indices
- Technology advances
- Green/LEED impacts to designs
- Require/encourage green
- Abstract forms, don’t mimic
- Common theme but unique character districts
- “Funky, simple architecture”
- Last minute changes an issue
- Engineering standards dominate
- Communication between professionals
- NAU
- Form Based Code

6. Dot mapping exercise for Flagstaff

Green: Preserve

Blue: Needs to evolve

Red: Must transform

7. Future meetings

First and Third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 for 1.5 hours

8. Election of a chair person and vice-chair person

Chair person: Daniel Padvoaowski

Vice Chair: Aude Stang

9. Adjournment

4:30 p.m.